

## “The Impact of Ministry”

Mark 2:1-12

- As a group re-read the scripture
- Who was your best friend growing up?
  - What is one of your favorite stories about them?
- As Jesus was teaching and speaking a group of people brought their paralytic friend to Him. We don't know what they wanted or expected; what they thought or hoped. What we do know is that they were determined to get their friend to see Jesus.
  - How do you think they felt?
  - How would you feel in this situation?
  - What friends would you do this for?
- JD said “the people that brought the man showed their faith”
  - How do you show your faith?
  - What would be something you could do to show it better?
- Who would say “not today” to a paralyzed friend? Who would get close to a cure, and just stop short?
  - Would you?
  - Why do we do that to ourselves?
  - Why don't we “get up on the roof and start digging to get ourselves to Jesus?”
- JD told the story of how Abraham Lincoln filled his cabinet of advisors with his enemies. They scoffed at him, they defied him, they criticized him, they even tried to sabotage him. But, over time they began to believe in him. Jesus did the same with His enemies.
  - Who in your life would you think would do that to you, invite you to help them, even though you weren't on friendly terms?
  - Who would you invite to advise you that you weren't on good terms with?
  - How can you change their minds?
    - Do you even want to try?
- You were once a scoffer, yet you are here now. You were sick but now you're healing or healed, you were broken but now you're being mended or now made whole.
  - How can we do this for our friends?
  - More importantly, how can we do this for our enemies?
- If money has such a great impact in our world, how much more does the ministry of Jesus Christ impact it for you?